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NCERT Books
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to make the classrooms inclusive through NCERT books;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the trial run in this regard with 40 booklets has been concluded; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has already taken initiatives focusing on making classroom inclusive through inclusive learning material. NCERT has developed Barkhaa: A Reading Series for 'All' which is an exemplary inclusive learning material in the form of a supplementary reading series consisting of 40 story booklets based on children's experiences. The reading series goes beyond providing only audio material to visually challenged learners and has special features like Braille and text on the same page, high resolution colours, window flash cards of difficult words and tactile and textured illustration rendering it accessible to all children. NCERT has also developed exemplar materials for primary and upper primary level teachers on curricular adaptations, inclusive teaching and how to adopt flexibility in evaluation of children with special needs in inclusive classrooms.
(c) & (d) During the process of developing 'Barkha: A Reading Series for All', try out of the books was undertaken in inclusive and special schools in four major Hindi speaking states in the country.
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